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SUBJECT: FM ABOUL GHEIT INSTRUCTS GENEVA DELEGATION TO GO ALONG WITH PALESTINIANS ON MDA

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Classified by DCM Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) In the absence of Foreign Minister Aboul Gheit, the Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to MFA's Chief of Cabinet Wifaa Bassam on December 2. After consulting with FM Aboul Gheit, Ambassador Bassam told the Ambassador in a follow up conversation on December 3 that Aboul Gheit had instructed the Egyptian delegation in Geneva to "go along with whatever the Palestinians have agreed to." Bassam added that Yemen, not Egypt, drafted the amendments in Geneva, which Egypt then submitted as the representative of the Arab group.

¶2. (C) A Swiss Embassy official told poloff in a follow-up conversation on December 4 that the Swiss Ambassador would deliver a demarche urging GOE support of the Third Additional Protocol to Chief of Cabinet Wifaa Bassam on December 5.

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